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1. WE WELCOME GIBSON BARBOZA'S INITIATIVE IN PRESENTING THE GOB'S VIEWS ON RELATIONS WITH PORTUGAL AND THE AFRICAN COUNTRIES AND ESPECIALLY APPRECIATE THE FRANKNESS WITH WHICH HE EXPRESSED THEM.

2. THE DEPARTMENT IS AWARE THAT OUR COMMUNICATION TO THE PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT OF OUR VIEWS ON THESE MATTERS IS OF GREAT SIGNIFICANCE TO THE GOB. HOWEVER, THE RECENT CONVERSATIONS BETWEEN THE SECRETARY AND PORTUGUESE LEADERS CENTERED PRIMARILY ON THE AZORES BASE AGREEMENT WHICH EXPIRES ON FEBRUARY 2. THE SECRETARY'S DISCUSSION WITH FONMIN PATRICIO WAS CONCERNED WITH PORTUGAL'S CONTRIBUTION TO PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST BY MAKING THE AZORES AVAILABLE FOR THE RESUPPLY OF ISRAEL AND WITH THE CURRENT BASE NEGOTIATIONS. IN ADDITION, THE PORTUGUESE EXPRESSED THEIR CONFIDENTIAL

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CONCERN OVER THE ESCALATION IN THE SOVIET SUPPLY OF WEAPONRY TO THE INSURGENTS IN PORTUGUESE AFRICA AND SET FORTH THEIR VIEW THAT THE ULTIMATE SOVIET OBJECTIVE IS TO ACQUIRE A BASE IN THE CAPE VERDE ISLANDS.

3. YOU MAY DRAW ON THE ABOVE FOR YOUR CONVERSATIONS WITH
THE FOREIGN MINISTRY. KISSINGER

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